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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM: [redacted]
National Intelligence Officer for China

SUBJECT: Third Warning Meeting on China [redacted]

1. On 20 December Jim Lilley called for a meeting of the Warning Group on China to take place on 17 January at 1400 in Room 7E-62 CIA Headquarters. [redacted]

2. I propose discussion of the following subjects at that meeting. You may, of course, raise additional topics if you believe them to be urgent.

-- The Sino-Soviet border, given Moscow's treaty with Hanoi, have the chances for active trouble on the border risen as a result of the current war in Cambodia? Is U.S. normalization of relations with Peking likely to make the USSR more or less cautious when considering applying pressure on China along the border? [redacted]

-- Sino-Vietnamese tensions. Should we consider updating the 5 January Alert Memorandum? How do we assess the continuing buildup on the Chinese side of the border? Under what conditions might the Chinese attack or is the observed movement defensive? What about trouble in the Gulf of Tonkin or the Spratleys? [redacted]

-- How do we assess the situation in the Taiwan Strait in the immediate aftermath of normalization? Have the Chinese begun to draw down their forces opposite Taiwan? [redacted]

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